



Washington, D.C. 20505

28 September 2015

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.



Reference: F-2015-00525 / FBI #1248603-000

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

In the course of processing your 9 January 2014 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for information about Edward Teller, the FBI located CIA material and referred it to us in December 2014 for review and direct response to you.

We determined that two documents can be released to you in segregable form with deletions made on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). Copies of the documents and an explanation of exemptions are enclosed. Additional material must be denied in its entirety on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). Exemption (b)(3) pertains to information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant statutes are Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Laverne".

Michael Laverne
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosures

Explanation of Exemptions

Freedom of Information Act:

- (b)(1) exempts from disclosure information currently and properly classified, pursuant to an Executive Order;
- (b)(2) exempts from disclosure information, which pertains solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Agency;
- (b)(3) exempts from disclosure information that another federal statute protects, provided that the other federal statute either requires that the matters be withheld, or establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld. The (b)(3) statutes upon which the CIA relies include, but are not limited to, the CIA Act of 1949;
- (b)(4) exempts from disclosure trade secrets and commercial or financial information that is obtained from a person and that is privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) exempts from disclosure inter-and intra-agency memoranda or letters that would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) exempts from disclosure information from personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy;
- (b)(7) exempts from disclosure information compiled for law enforcement purposes to the extent that the production of the information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings; (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication; (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source or, in the case of information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source; (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law; or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger any individual's life or physical safety;
- (b)(8) exempts from disclosure information contained in reports or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, or on behalf of, or for use of an agency responsible for regulating or supervising financial institutions; and
- (b)(9) exempts from disclosure geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

16 MAY 1955

TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: Dr. Theodore von KARNAS

Edw. Teller

1. Reference is made to your memorandum, subject as above, dated 16 July 1954, file number 100-372586.

2. For your confidential use only, the same source as quoted in [redacted] subject as above, has further reported that subject makes frequent trips to the Fiat Works in Turin, Italy, where he calls in an advisory capacity as a technical consultant. Source also states that subject is currently attached to General Gruenther's NATO staff in Paris.

3. Source advises that subject utilizes his contacts in the Fiat Works to forward letters to his brother in Hungary; subject prevails upon these contacts not only to mail the letters for him, but also to write the letters. This conduct is considered strange since it would appear that subject is attempting to conceal his correspondence from U.S. and other interested Western authorities, and from the Hungarian authorities as well perhaps. It is suggested that subject may be working against the interests of one or more of these countries, based merely on subject's conduct in this matter. One Fiat official is known to write subject's brother under the name de plume of ANTONIO at subject's request.

4. Source states that subject met his brother in Turin at the Automobile show held there in the spring of 1952, and again in August 1954 in Bern, Switzerland. Source observes that he considers it strange that subject's brother has chosen to remain associated with the Communist regime of Hungary when he has had two known opportunities to defect, and his brother (subject) is quite capable of assisting him financially to adjust to the Western world. We might observe, however, that the continued presence of subject's brother's family in Budapest, as noted in [redacted] would seem sufficient cause to dissuade the brother, Niklos, without casting a derogatory light upon either individual.

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5. Conversations with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations have revealed that subject was never an employee, but only an Air Force consultant, and that he furthermore is not associated currently with the Air Force in any capacity. Since the full extent of subject's sensitivity is now apparent to us, however, this Agency does not intend to attempt to exploit the operational potential presented by his association with his brother in Hungary.

6. Source has been requested to continue his contact with the Fiat officials who have obliged subject by forwarding his correspondence to Hungary and receiving the replies from Hungary, with a view toward determining the nature of the correspondence itself. No further steps in regard to determining the nature of subject's activities will be authorized, however, unless desired by your Bureau.

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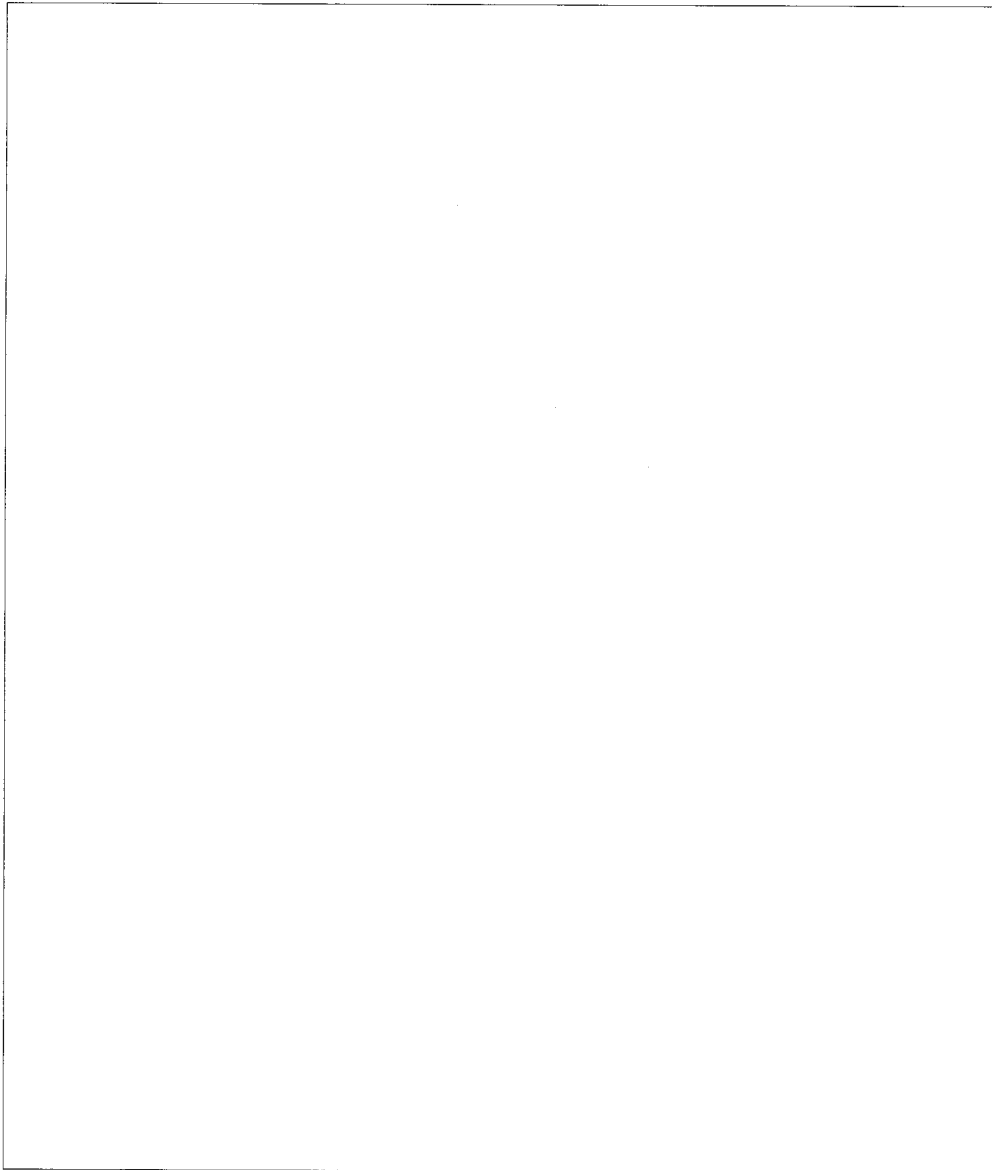
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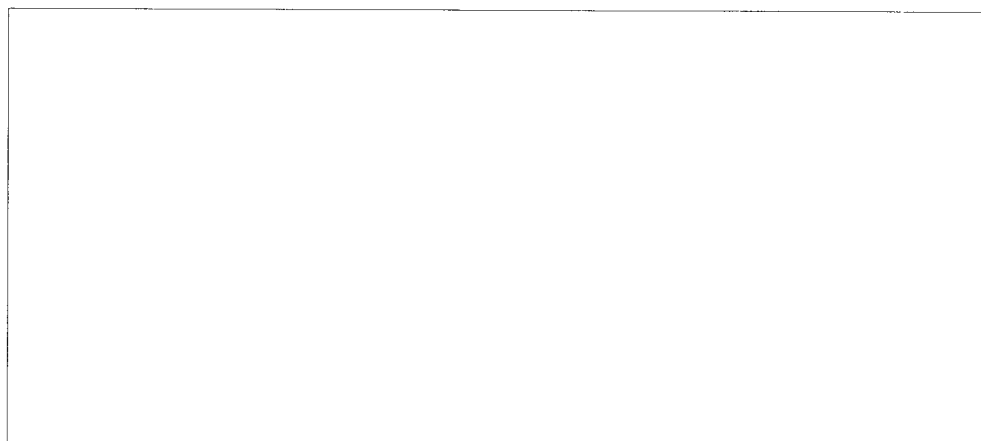
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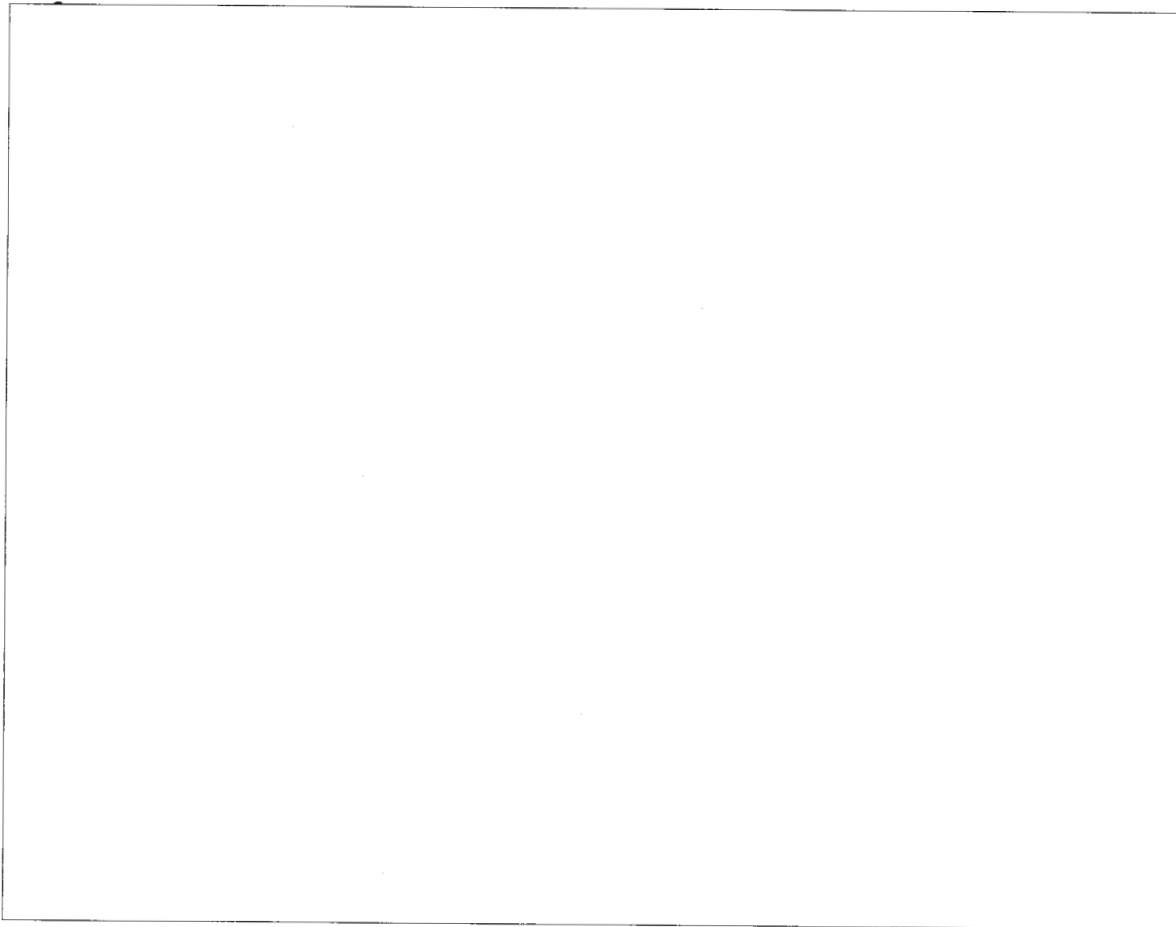
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